

Unapproved Minutes

TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS  
BUDGET MEETING  
November 9, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

Dennis opened the budget meeting at 7:00 p.m. Also present were Helen Kahl, Clerk, Nancy Goplin, Treasurer, and Supervisors Joen Meylor and Al Antonson.

Helen explained the budget as worked on in October. The required revaluation will cost approximately \$26,000. Al moved to accept the proposed budget Option 2, Resolution 2009-1, which will increase the levy by \$10,000 over the allowable levy limit, and possibly borrow \$11,000, for a budget of \$448,008. Joen seconded, motion carried 3-0.

Al moved to adjourn the budget meeting, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Helen Kahl, Clerk

TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS  
TOWN SPECIAL MEETING TO SET LEVY  
November 9, 2009

Dennis opened the Special Town Meeting at 7:15 p.m. Present were Helen Kahl, Clerk, Supervisors Joen Meylor and Al Antonson, and Nancy Goplin, Treasurer.

Dan Peterson moved to increase the levy by \$10,000 over the allowable limit, Resolution 2009-2, resulting in a levy of \$262,275. Andy Davidson seconded the motion. Motion passed 11-0.

Andy moved to adjourn the meeting, D C Harned seconded, motion passed 11-0.

Respectfully submitted, Helen Kahl, Clerk

TOWN OF BLUE MOUNDS  
Town Board  
November 9, 2009

Dennis Jelle opened the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Present were Chairman, Dennis Jelle, Clerk Helen Kahl, Treasurer, Nancy Goplin and Supervisors Al Antonson and Joen Meylor.

Helen Kahl read the minutes of the October 12, 2009, meeting. Joen moved to approve, Al seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Public Hearing: Andy Davidson and Marie Wilhelm appeared to rezone two parcels: one 5.5 Acre parcel from RH-4 to RH-2, and one parcel less than one Acre from A-1 Ex to RH-4. A site visit was held Oct 31, and, at the Land Use Committee Nov 3, 6 voted to approve, 0 opposed. Joen moved to approve, Al seconded, motion passed 3-0. Rezone fee was paid, Petition #10117.

Public Hearing: Leo Ryan was not at the meeting due to illness. Leo's house was purchased in 1976, less than 1 Acre. He would like to rezone it from A-1 Ex to RH-1. This would make it easier when he would want to sell the property down the road. Leo does not yet have a petition at the county. Joen moved to approve, Al seconded, motion passed, 3-0. The land use committee also voted 6-0 in favor.

Nothing new to report on the county-wide radio system.

Regarding the Village of Mt. Horeb's annexation petition for the land on HWY JG, they have withdrawn the petition at this time. Potentially we'll have a meeting with the school to see what the town can do to help the school out with the land, perhaps allowing siting the Building Trades homes on that land.

Regarding Town Board Action Report on Ordinance Amendment No. 21, it was tabled because Dennis has information that says it's being amended.

Al moved that we purchase a message board and posts for outside the front door at a cost not to exceed \$1000, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Land Use Committee, nothing else new on the agenda.

Road maintenance report. Dan will have Jason Fink do some spot sealing tomorrow. The TRIP program application for next year is due November 16. After some discussion of the pros and cons of TRIP, Dennis moved that we not apply for TRIP funds this year, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Fire District Report. The Fire District Board is starting an ambulance fund to replace the 10 year old ambulance. The ambulance has incurred some major repairs, which will total \$7000. Unexpected repairs are resulting in a tough financial situation for the Fire District.

Al moved to approve the bills. Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence. 1) Helen presented a letter from ATC regarding using caution when building near power lines. 2) She announced that Dept of Commerce has \$75,000,000 in disaster recovery funds due to the flooding of June and July 2008. 3) She announced 2 public input meetings regarding the draft shoreland riparian management plan on Tues and Wed Nov 17 & 18. She will put this information out to the email list. 4) Regarding the 18/151 Freeway Conversion Study, there will be a meeting Tues Nov 10 and Thurs Nov 12, Al will try to attend. 5) Helen read a notice from Department of Revenue indicating that Gardiner Appraisal will be required to take additional training due to our non-compliance with assessment statutes. Dennis indicated they take that training anyway.

Tom Hansen and some members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee appeared to get board input regarding various components of the Comprehensive Plan before it is rolled out to the public next Monday night, November 16:

1)Regarding density, especially as concerns commercial zoning. In the past, commercial zoning has not counted toward density in the township, consensus is that would continue, until amended.

2)Regarding whether or not to have a whole-town density study done. The decision was that each property owner would do their own if they were going to rezone, rather than having all property owners share in the cost of a whole-town study.

3)Regarding rounding acreage, the township should go on record as rounding up anything over 17.5 acres.

4)Regarding annexation of land, historically the splits stay with the original farm. It will be addressed under density.

5)Regarding siting issues, at this time the town adheres to the county standards, determined at the time of the building permit application.

Helen will send an email reminding citizens of the upcoming public participation meeting. The draft plan will be sent to Helen for uploading to the website.

Helen presented a proposal for a renter, asking what rent might be desired for the extra bay. It was decided to ask for a \$2000 deposit and \$500/month from this prospective renter. There would be no access to any other part of the building, nor use of the parking lot for any equipment.

Dan made a request to purchase a small coat rack for about \$16. Al moved to make the purchase, Joen seconded, motion passed 3-0.

Al moved to adjourn. Joen seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kahl, Clerk